Kentucky Historical Society

Education Fall 2012 Undergraduate Internship: Historical Marker Smart Phone Application

The Kentucky Historical Society (KHS) is a state agency and membership organization that is fully accredited by the American Association of Museums. The KHS mission is to engage people in the exploration of the commonwealth's diverse heritage by providing connections to the past, perspective on the present and inspiration for the future.

The Kentucky Historical Society's Historical Marker Program is in its 60th year of existence. A flagship program, historical markers are one of the most visible, geographically diverse and popular resources that KHS offers to the public. KHS is in the midst of releasing a new smart phone application around this program. The application will help individuals locate, learn about and explore markers throughout the state by connecting the markers with collections materials (such as photographs, objects and oral histories) and linking markers together geographically or topically. This internship will require an individual to: (1) research markers to find missing information using online tools and records, (2) research KHS collections to find visually distinct items about marker topics and (3) develop thematic tours around the markers.

The intern who will thrive in this position will have an interest in local and state history, will be able to find interesting stories, are good storytellers and enjoy archival research. The position requires a significant amount of time in front of a computer or in the library.

The project requires a minimum of 45 hours. Exact timeframe and schedule will be mutually determined by the supervisor and the successful candidate.

This is a temporary, unpaid position based in Frankfort, Ky. Employee benefits are not available. Housing is not provided.

To apply, email a cover letter, application and resume to phyllis.gilman@ky.gov. No phone calls please. **Application deadline is July 31, 2012.** Equal Opportunity Employer M/F/D